

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0006] and [0011] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0006] Polymeric insulation foams may be produced in numerous ways, of which foam extrusion is one of the most widely used, and known, technologies. Foaming in an extrusion may be the result of either a physical or a chemical blowing process. In the physical blowing ~~blowing~~ process, a volatile gas is mixed with a polymer, and the mixture expands rapidly as it exits the extruder to the ambient pressure. In the chemical blowing process, the volatile gas is formed by chemical reaction, which may be a result of degradation of an additive, or directly caused by the polymerisation reaction.

[0011] This object is obtained with the polymeric foam tube of the generic kind in that the additional layer is a layer of fibers which comprise ~~comprises~~ or consist of a material having a melt temperature that is higher than that of the polymeric foam, which are adhesively bonded to the internal surface such as to stand up from the internal surface, which are substantially uniformly distributed over the internal surface providing a surface coverage of 2 to 20 percent, preferably 4 to 10 percent, and which have a linear density of 0,5 to 25 dtex and a length of 0,2 to 5 mm.